

## Self-Help Books

For background, terminology and additional resources in plain language, self-help books cover a wide range of legal subjects including divorce, bankruptcy, wills, landlord-tenant questions, **small business issues, and much more.**

Do a **KEYWORD** search in the C/W Mars Catalog for the legal subject in which you are interested.

## Lawyer Directories

### Martindale-Hubbell

The widely recognized Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory is available online. This resource provides contact information for lawyers, law firms and practice areas, as well as a Peer Review Rating on many attorneys.  
<http://www.martindale.com>

### Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers

In addition to locating names and addresses of Massachusetts attorneys, this website indicates if the attorney is licensed to practice in Massachusetts, and if the attorney has ever received any public discipline.  
<http://massbbo.org/>

## Lawyer Referral Services

Statewide Referral  
Massachusetts Bar Association  
(866) MASS-LRS, or (866) 627-7577  
<http://www.massbar.org>

Suffolk County  
Boston Bar Association  
(617) 742-0625  
<http://www.bostonbar.org>

Middlesex County  
Middlesex County Bar Association  
781-939-2797  
<http://www.middlesexbar.org>

Central Massachusetts  
Worcester County Bar Association  
(508) 752-1311  
<http://www.worcestercountybar.org>

## Dial-A-Lawyer

The Massachusetts Bar Association sponsors this free program.  
To use Dial-A-Lawyer, call (617) 338-0610 on the first Wednesday of the month between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

## MARLBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

35 West Main Street  
Marlborough, MA 01752

Phone: 508-624-6900  
Fax: 508-485-1494  
[www.marlbroughpubliclibrary.org](http://www.marlbroughpubliclibrary.org)

## Law-Related Resources



Marlborough Public Library



## Legal Resources

If you have a legal issue to research, the libraries that make up the C/W Mars Regional Library System can provide you with a variety of resources to find the rules and regulations important to your legal question.

The C/W Mars Catalog is available to patrons both in the library and at home at <http://cmars.cwmars.org/>.

## Legal Terms and Concepts

For a quick definition of a term or concept, you can start with these legal dictionaries and encyclopedias available here at the Marlborough Public Library:

Black's Law Dictionary REF 340.43 Bla  
Nolo's Encyclopedia of Everyday Law  
349.73 Nol

Questions? Please ask! Our reference librarians will be happy to help you.

## Statutes, Regulations, and Case Law

Massachusetts laws are published in Massachusetts General Laws Annotated (M.G.L.A.) These volumes are available here at the Marlborough Public Library.  
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Regulations issued by Massachusetts agencies are printed in the Code of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR). The Code can be found in some public and academic libraries through the C/W Mars Catalog. The Massachusetts Trial Court Libraries have up-to-date volumes, and you can access some of the regulations through their website (see side panel.) You can also email or call the Trial Court Libraries to request copies of the regulations.

Reporters publish case law. These are the decisions made by state and federal courts. These publications are available at various libraries throughout the network. The specific volumes that you require will depend on your legal research question. Online access for many, but not all, jurisdictions are available through the Massachusetts Trial Court Libraries website (see side panel).

## Online Reference Resources

Massachusetts Trial Court Libraries  
These libraries maintain a very useful website, and their 17 locations around the state provide access to excellent research advice and a wide range of resources.  
<http://www.lawlib.state.ma.us>

The Official Website of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
This is a good place for Massachusetts-based legal research. To access the General Laws, click on "Legislature" in the list of links on the left side of the page. To access court-related information, click on "Judiciary" in the list of links on the left side of the page.  
<http://www.mass.gov>

LII-Legal Information Institute at Cornell Law School  
This resource includes links to many primary legal resources as well as legal explanations.  
<http://www.law.cornell.edu>

Findlaw  
An extensive resource that allows you to browse a wide of variety of legal subjects.  
<http://www.findlaw.com>

## MassLegalHelp.org

This website provides legal information on a variety of subjects in various languages including Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, Portuguese, and more. It also provides links to legal aid providers.  
[www.masslegalhelp.org](http://www.masslegalhelp.org)